

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW
Exception Criteria Review Checklist

Proposed Action: Manual Maintenance / Manual Release, McKenzie Resource Area

Review the proposed action against each of the ten criteria listed below. If the project meets one or more of the criteria, it is an exception from categorical exclusion and MUST be analyzed in an EA or EIS. To qualify as a Categorical Exclusion the proposed action may not meet any of the criteria. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

<u>Exception Criteria</u>		<u>Comments</u>
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	None
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, floodplains, etc.)	None identified
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	None identified
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	None, not applicable
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	None, not applicable
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	None identified
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	None identified
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	See mitigation measures
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (floodplain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	Not applicable
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	Not applicable
Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE: See contract stipulation C.1.12, Wildlife Resource Protection and C.1.13, Botanical Resource Protection.		
Specific wildlife mitigation measures are listed in the attached document.		

Reviewed By: Don Wilbur

Date: June 3, 2002

Above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

Area Manager Emily Rice

Date: June 3, 2002

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Background: The Eugene District's Resource Management Plan (June 1995), includes the intensive forest management practice of Manual Maintenance / Manual Release to achieve control of competing vegetation through manual cutting of brush. The purpose of this practice is to maintain desirable stocking levels of unestablished conifers and to enhance the growth of established conifers.

Proposed Action: The proposed action is to implement a program of Manual Maintenance on approximately 166 acres and Manual Release on 138 acres within the McKenzie Resource Area. This project will be accomplished primarily by contracting for the manual cutting of brush using small mechanical devices (chain saws). Slash will be pulled back from designated roads.

Decision: The proposed action described is approved to be carried out during calendar 2002.

Rational: The proposed action qualifies as categorical exclusion C.4., as described in the Department Manual 516 DM 6, Appendix 5, and does not meet any of the exception criteria. The Proposed Action is in conformance with the "Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning documents within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl" (April 1994), and the "Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan" (June 1995). The Proposed Action and recommended mitigation measures are consistent with the District Final SEIS.

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